



REDMOND PARK BOARD



Meeting Minutes **April 7, 2005** **Old Redmond SchoolHouse Community Center**

I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Redmond Park Board was called to order by Chairperson Lori Snodgrass at 7:04 p.m.

Board members present: Chair: Snodgrass, Co-chair: Kelsey, Boardmembers: Margeson, Stewart, and Ladd

Absent and Excused: Youth Advocates - Jones and Zak.

City staff present: Timothy Cox, Parks Planning; and Sharon Sato, Recording Secretary.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion for approval of the March 3, 2005 Redmond Park Board minutes as presented.

Motion by: Kelsey

Second by: Stewart

Motion carried: 5-0 unanimous

III. Items from the Audience

A. Redmond West Little League (RWLL) - Dave Ciuba and Brad Bosworth

Ciuba gave a brief presentation on the history of Redmond West Little League (RWLL). Since the organization was established in 1954, membership has grown to over 7,800 kids Redmond's community. RWLL is one of the most successful leagues in the region. There are approximately 300 volunteers (coaches, managers, volunteers, etc.) serving RWLL, which adds up to over 20,000 volunteer hours over a one year period. RWLL sets aside funds each year to help make improvements to the existing facilities; new scoreboard, refurbished concession stand, dug out

screen and fence caps to lower fence fields for player safety. This year RWLL will be spending \$6,500 to \$7,000 for field improvements.

He added that there was some concern about moisture retention on fields, it is estimated that about 15% of league games are rained out; this includes days that there is no rain but moisture retention. Possible remedies include: change soil, field turf, and tarps to solve rainout problems. Snodgrass noted that the Park Board has recently recommended to the City Council includes some CIP (Capital Investment Program) adjustments; that includes provides funding for some renovations at Hartman Park, specifically for Field 2 drainage, parking lot lighting, general lighting and artificial turf for Fields 5 & 6. She also added that the recommendation was approved and would be going forward.

To preserve the dedicated youth orientation of Hartman Park, Cuiba noted his concern regarding multi-purpose complexes and potential conflicts with adults and youth etiquette. Snodgrass replied that any concerns should be directed to staff in regards to youth and adult questions.

Bosworth inquired if there would be a possibility of a financial partnership between the League and the City of Redmond. Snodgrass suggested meeting with the Director of Parks and staff; RWLL is also thinking about creating an endowment fund, foundation or some type of measure.

Ciuba thanked the Board and City staff for their continued cooperation and commitment; a partnership which has continued to enable RWLL to thrive in the community.

IV. Additions to the Agenda/Handouts

Possible property acquisition opportunities - Capital Investment Program adjustments were approved by Council April 5, including use of remaining King County Shop acquisition funds for renovation projects specified. Councilman Robinson noted that once a determination is made, as to how the King County Shop site will be utilized, the funds that were adjusted out of the Park budget will be returned. It is the intent of Council that no monies from the Parks budget will be utilized to clean up the shop site.

Property Acquisition Opportunity - Snodgrass reported the City has been given an opportunity to acquire an additional amount of acreage on a portion of the Perrigo

Heights development. Currently, there is approximately 11.9 acres of open space (Native Growth Protection Easement), a portion of the 28 acre site, being set aside. Snodgrass asked for direction/feedback from the Board to City Council. The developer has offered this opportunity to the City at a fair or below market value.

Cox reported that the developer has changed his original application of 36 units to 24 units and the additional open space - 3 1/2 to 4 acres - may be available for property acquisition by the City. The area is developable and is adjacent to the City's SE Redmond Transmission main/trail and in proximity to Hartman Park. There has been discussion with the developer to provide the property at a reasonable price and negotiations have discussed transfer of development rights to other possible sites.

Stewart inquired if the Council would have their own funding source that could be used to acquire this and transfer those funds to the Parks fund. Cox responded that the Council reallocated some parks land acquisition monies for park renovation projects; however there would be a remaining \$1 million in that line item that could possibly be used for this opportunity.

Kelsey inquired why staff would like to take this opportunity. Cox responded that the site location added value by its location to other Parks facilities (e.g. Ashford Trail and Hartman Park), and would reduce impacts on existing trails. The site would contribute to the Parks system and add to the native growth and environmental protection easement and to preserve and protect the area.

Cox asked the Board to indicate interest or non-interest in line to purchase being an opportunity, value to Hartman Park, Trail and City for long term preservation.

Recreation User Fee Rate - changes were also approved by Council action.

King County Youth Sports Facility Grant Notice - Cox

Cox reported that King County is putting out requests, through their youth sports facility grant program, for applications from sports groups/organizations wishing to partner with a City to apply for King County funds. \$50,000 per project, local and county projects are welcome.

Interested parties are asked to contact the Redmond Parks Department. The City does not submit the application but will provide support and provide a contact from King County for grant consideration.

Art Dedication - Saturday, May 14 at Grass Lawn Park, 11:00 a.m. - Margeson will attend and represent the Board.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rose Hill/Willows Neighborhood SWOT Assessment - Carried over to May meeting.
- B. Downtown Redmond Transit Center - KPG Consultant and METRO
Cox introduced KPG Consultants, City Staff and METRO KC representative, to the audience and welcomed them.

Sally Turner, Project Manager, METRO KC, for the Redmond Transit Center Project, briefed the Board on updated plans from 2004. Metro has since met with the Planning Commission, Design Review Board, offered a public open house, went to City Council Study Session, subsequent to that conversation, the City Council approved the project concept that was introduced to the Board in June 2004. Through the end of 2004 the project was established and full funding has been obtained in the amount of approximately \$7.2 million. Since the end of December environmental review documentation has been obtained, continuing with preliminary engineering on the project and some architectural refinement on the project has been done to this point.

A rough schedule for the project is as follows:

July 2005	30% design complete
Sept. 2005	Return to Design Review Board
March 2006	Design complete
March 2006	Advertise for consultant
October 2006	Construction begins
June 2007	Completion coinciding with METRO schedule change

Paul Fusal, KPG, continued the discussion and reiterated the concept of last years' Park Board approved design plans. Targeted goals for the plan:

- Alignment of the street along NE 83rd - continuous corridor
- Create park friendly frontage
- Best access - all areas of the park

- Every aspect of landscaping on 83rd and common property line
- Preserve the needs of the customers - skateboard users, bicyclists, families, transit riders, park users
- Three different land uses - park and ride (south), layover area (6 buses), skate park
- Visually take "The Edge SkatePark" landscape to the edge of the curb
- Minimize the sidewalk going through, secondary pathway system leading to a shelter
- Customer based - need for overhang, edge and seating for bus riders
- Double bus shelters - smaller scale, smaller town feeling - one transit shelter on the south side of the park
- Good surveillance, good visibility, crime prevention through environment design
- Pavement concrete for busing loading
- Crosswalk, same location as currently situated - another possible sidewalk, dependant on need
- Landscape improvements - additional trees, Autumn Ash - existing berm to be sculpted with walkway (minimal)
- 2 designs for bus shelters - similar in style, small scale, small town, friendly, large roof (10 foot width), warm colors (greens, browns, earth tones), different roof lines, tube stock (easy to rehab), center wall located in the center of the columns
- Noise control and landscape for safety balancing
- Current entrance will be relocated
- Follow through with commitment from last year
- Standard lighting on street - enough lighting for safety movement through site - careful/non-disruptive lighting to apartment neighbors

Kelsey reiterated his concerns regarding the proposed bus, bus shelter location, number of people in the area and noise impacts. Kelsey suggested Evergreen trees to block out and contain noise. Turner responded that METRO is currently in the process of noise modeling and completing and generating the trip data, the report is in the final stages and will be available to the Board in the near future.

Snodgrass inquired about the intersection standards/street lighting, 160th NE 83rd Street traffic light. Jeannie Koetje, City of Redmond Transportation Planning, responded that this project, separate from the Transit Center project, will go out to bid summer 2005. KPG is also the

consultant on this project and will work in coordination with the Transit Center project.

Holly Plackett, Redmond City Councilmember, inquired about bus routes, layover areas and stops at the site. Turner responded to questions and added:

- Space for para-transit pickup/drop off, to help minimize movement to connect with fixed route service
- Computer readers - integrating potential, necessary conduits will be added for future installation (timing not known at this time)
- Skate board and park users' safety is key - ground cover and low plants and pathways

Snodgrass asked if a pervious hard surfacing or newer technology had been considered for drainage in the bus traffic areas. METRO has been looking into this and to date, no such surface, that can hold up to bus traffic, has been found. She also asked if the covered area/bus shelter could be more connected with the skateboard shelter motif/design. METRO will be investigating the potential for some visual art at the park. Staff would like to be included, if art is considered, for this site through King County.

McKeon inquired what the consultant envisioned for the area around the fountain space to be. Fusal responded that this area will prove another level of pedestrian amenities; including benches, sit around planters, with trees and flower design (integrated low metal railings), small plaza area and park friendly.

Kelsey asked about pedestrian movement crossing NE 83rd St. from bus shelter to bus shelter, and if there would be jaywalking problem. KPG responded that thoughtful and careful landscape planning will help to discourage jaywalking - planters, bollards, railings and the consultant will work closely with city staff.

Cox will provide the Board, the drawings, at 30% design completion. After review, further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

C. Park Funding Mechanism Discussion

Snodgrass briefed the Board on the status of the Park's Funding Mechanism discussed at previous meetings. Discussing items contained in the Ballot Measure Survey (March 3, 2005). the Board agreed several conclusions will

be presented to the Parks and Human Services Committee and scheduled for a Council Study Session for broader discussion. After consideration of input received by the Committee, and Council and others, Park Board will make a final recommendation regarding the feasibility of a measure to Council for action.

Kelsey made a motion to submit Board findings to the City Council as discussed at previous Board meetings and study session and via the Parks Director through the Parks and Human Services Committee and Council Study Session to advise and brief on the Board's recommendations.

Second by: Stewart
Approved: 5-0

McKeon asked Snodgrass the following questions and handed out a hard copy of questions regarding procedure:

- While attending the last several regular Board meetings the following questions how her comments and concerns could be addressed. Her understanding had been, from the Park Board's study session, that the Park ballot survey recommendations given by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates (FMAA) consulting firm were in draft form and questioned why recommendations were going forth based on the draft?
- What is the procedure, as a citizen? Frustration of knowing what the proper procedures are?

Plackett also added that it was her understanding that further discussion would take place and requested minutes from the Board's study session of March 22, 2005. She asked for a summary of the Board's notes and what information would be going to Parks and Human Services.

Snodgrass responded that on-going discussion, on the possibility of a funding mechanism, had gone on for the past five years, in different phases. Information gleaned from the survey, in some regards shored up a previous survey the City had done, it also had provided additional guidance as to other specific items. The results gleamed and refined, from the draft nature, information helped to define the "shape and form" of the type of recommendation that might go forward. Discussions and a draft recommendation regarding the feasibility and nature of a funding measure

has been made. No formal recommendation has been forwarded to City Council to date.

Kelsey stated that the Board has taken proper steps in this matter and that no final determination or recommendations have been made. He added that the study session was based primarily on discussion, understanding and questions to staff on the survey and conclusions by the consultant.

Snodgrass clarified what the process for final approval on the bond measure and made it clear that before a final recommendation, on this item and all items, goes before Council, from the Board, public comments would be welcome and taken into consideration until such time a Board final recommendation is made, at which time the recommendation is forwarded onto the City Council for a final decision.

For the record, Plackett noted that at Council Committee Study Session meetings, the public is welcome to attend but typically not allowed to speak. Snodgrass responded that the Chairperson can allow for public verbal comments and the public is always welcome and encouraged to do so at all Board meetings. Plackett added that it is often difficult to bring items to the meetings and relay them in a meaningful and clear way.

Cox noted that separate working group such as a Blue Ribbon Committee would be assigned to further define what the specific language and projects might be for a bond measure, and that during the time the Committee meets, Stakeholders will be asked to participate.

Plackett suggested that the Board might consider, sometime in this process, a stakeholder meeting be held to be able to voice their concerns, clarify and have questions answered.

Snodgrass clarified her, and the Board's, position that during this process they have been very diligent in finding out what support there is in the community for a park bond, if so, what amount would be acceptable and supportable.

Ladd reiterated that the Board is representing all the citizens of Redmond and regardless whether there are personal opinions among the members, it is not their position to bring those opinions or feelings to Board meetings.

VI. New Business

- A. Lk. Wash. Youth Soccer Assn. Use Agreement at Samm. Valley Park Site
Joey Hussey, LWYSA President, gave the Board a brief PowerPoint presentation on the organization. He gave the following statistics:

- 6,500 kids participate in the Fall program
- Four competitive levels -U-9, U-10 to U-19, U-13 to U16, U-11 to U18
- March, last month of soccer season
- Kicked off 1st week of spring training program - Marymoor Park - 1,050 kids, volunteer coaches two nights per week, 7 weeks - non-competitive program
- High School, Perrigo and Grass Lawn Parks - great field usage
- Mid-summer through mid-winter
- Relationships with City, County, private schools, public schools to utilize a number of fields
- Marymoor Park and 60 Acre Park - most utilized
- Challenge for the Association to find sufficient fields for practices and games
- Strategy for the Assn - to look for opportunities to create long term relationships with municipalities and owners and operators of fields
- 30-year concession lease at 60-Acres/King County, starting 11th year - LWYSA maintains and manages that facility, handles scheduling and open for 3rd party reservation use on an availability basis (Frisbee, LaCrosse, etc.) throughout course of year - opportunity for outside user opportunity to use of high quality fields and generates revenue to cover cost of maintenance which is in excess of \$200,000 per year (including : personnel costs, tractors, grass seed, fertilizer).
- June 2005 - competitive tournament will be held - players from all over state
- July 2005 - Crossfire Seattle Challenge which will attract players from all over the country - Goal is to develop this into a national competitive tournament (similar to San Diego Cup and Dallas Cup). Generating huge revenue for their respective associations.
- No restriction on type of field usage. Accommodate other usage with limited cost/impact to fields.
- Redmond Ridge, off Novelty Hill Road - agreement with developer and County to take 47 acres off "panhandle" of Redmond Ridge East,

opportunity to build additional soccer fields there, 10 to 8 dependent on a proposal to build a school - project timeline is 2007

Specific reason for meeting with Board members is to discuss renewal of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) relative to the Sammamish Valley Park between the City and LWYSA, expired December 2003. Property is still being maintain by LWYSA - provides for overflow practice and parking. Evaluate potential for extension of CUP.

LWYSA is requesting an extension of the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP), with minor modifications, for another five years.

Cox noted that steps would be taken before the final extension/renewal was approved. Park Board would be provided further input with vote to approve. No fee associated with CUP, with limited priority usage, practice purposes only, "mow and roll", buffer areas to protect wetlands, parking in designated areas only due to safety and environmental issues, nothing of a permanent nature, access to site is guaranteed to the public, use of fields are open to anyone.

Kelsey commented that according to the Parks CIP, scheduled for preliminary planning in 2008, extending the field contract beyond that time should not be planned, due to possible master planning.

B. Commissioner Recruitment

Interviews set for Monday, April 25 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mayor's office for two Board vacancies. Lori will e-mail Board members with specifics. Those interested in participating need to e-mail Snodgrass by Friday, May 8th.

VII. Reports - Projects

A. Idylwood Playground - moving forward

B. Meitzer Naming at Sr. Center - Go forward in April

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Stewart
Second by: Ladd
Approved: 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

By: _____
Lori Snodgrass, Chair

_____ Date

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Sharon Sato

Next Regular Meeting
June 2, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Location: Parks Maintenance Operations Building